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21. Sikkim	451.5	0	212.59
22. Tamil Nadu	17089.21	2238.5	12615.25
23. Tripura	1914.66	250	4200.76
24. Uttar Pradesh	54688.69	3300	60449.88
25. West Bengal	33858.84	2539.86	25852.8
26. Jharkhand	52388.59	4233.29	36959.43
27. Uttaranchal	39106	765.61	3827.53

Utilisation of PMGSY funds by States

2550. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY J.DARDA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 15 States have not been in a position to fully use the funds relating to building, roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;

(b) if so, what steps Government of India have initiated to see that these funds are fully utilized;

(c) whether there is any monitoring agency to take stock of the progress made and funds utilized; and

(d) what is the periodicity of such monitoring and whether there is any mechanism at political and administrative levels, to ensure timely completion of this project by 2009?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) Rupees 21433.51 crore has been released upto 7.3.2007 under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana out of which Rs. 19782.38 crore (92.30%) has already been spent. Only seven States have spent less than 80% of the funds released to them.

(b) Steps have been taken to improve the pace of implementation of the

Programme through training of field staff including contractor's staff, providing interest free advance for procurement of required plants and machinery, continuous and regular monitoring of the programme. The Union Minister has written to the State Governments where the implementation of programme is slow and the State Governments have also responded that the issues raised are receiving their due attention.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The progress in the implementation of the programme is monitored through the monthly and quarterly progress reports, and also regional and performance review meetings some of which are chaired by the Union Minister (Rural Development); three tier quality monitoring system; On-line Management Monitoring and Accounting System (OMMAS), visit by National Quality Monitors, visit by Area Officers.

Foodgrain requirement under Annapurna Scheme in Kerala

2551. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have approved the number of beneficiaries of Annapurna Scheme in Kerala as 44980, and the requirement of foodgrains as 450MTs per month;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the actual allotment made to the State on this account is only 309 MTs;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the concerned Kerala Minister has represented the matter to the Union Government and has requested for the full allotment of foodgrains, for successful implementation of the Scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (c) The Annapurna scheme was launched *w.e.f,* 01.04.2000 to provide food security to meet the requirement of those Senior Citizens wfio through eligible have remained uncovered under the National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS). Under the Annapurna Scheme, 10 Kg. of food grains per month are being provided free of cost to the beneficiary. At the time